

# BROOKFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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## **Minutes of the Historic District Commission Thursday, May 3, 2012 Brookfield Town Hall**

- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Jacqueline Salame, Chairperson,
- Members Present:* Kevin Archer, Peter Bertolami, Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson, Liz De Lambert, Rosemary Erb-Fawcett
- Members Absent:* Harold Proudfoot, Elaine Rajcula
- Public Attendance:* Betsey McIlvaine and Anita Barney, Brookfield Library  
Donna & Scott Hall, Interested Residents

### Pre-Hearing: Brookfield Library New Signage

Anita Barney presented the proposed plans for a sign with a reader board to announce programs held at the Library. The sign will be a white board with black letters placed in the vicinity of the cement steps in front of the Library or near the street light. The sign will be sized within the zoning regulations.

The Historic District Commission has no objection with the erection of the new sign. The Commission requested that the Library return an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness with an actual drawing of the sign and plans for the type of lights for illumination. It was suggested that low landscaping below the sign be used to prevent damage to the sign by lawn maintenance and also to hide ground lights if they choose to illuminate the sign. The color and type of lights need approval by the HDC. The recommended color would be similar to an incandescent bulb.

Betsey McIlvaine also mentioned that the tree in front of the Library cottage was cut down, and the debris in the road and at the back of the barn has been removed. The Library Board will keep in contact with the Town in an effort to continue maintaining the cottage and barn property. This was in reference to a letter that was sent January 24, 2012 to the Library Board of Trustees regarding the deterioration of the property to the west of the Library building.

### Previous Minutes:

R. Brown moved to accept the February 2, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. L. De Lambert seconded; all approved.

Old Business:

Reinstall the 3 missing Historic District signs before June 30. R. Brown to look into completing project.

Fall 2012 Resident's Workshop. J. Salame to contact Commission on Culture & Tourism.

Celebration Plans (HDC 40 years; Brookfield 225 years)

2013 Residents Meeting Workshop  
May 2013 Preservation Awards  
Participate in 2013 Memorial Day Parade

Possibilities suggested by the HDC members:

Work with the State & the Town to uncover the sidewalk along Route 25  
Complete the HDC brochure and map for a self-directed walking tour of the District

188 Whisconier Road, the unresolved violations was not discussed at this meeting.

The HDC budget of April 30, 2012 has been debited \$1,000 by the Town relating to cemetery maintenance; this is not an expense by the Historic District Commission so it is not included in the remaining budget balance for the HDC.

Greg Waldmiller submitted his annual letter in keeping with the agreement to display the American flag along Route 25 and Long Meadow Hill Road between May 13, 2012 and September 23, 2012.

P. Bertolami moved to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m.; R. Erb-Fawcett seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Brown, Secretary